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The best job goes to the person who can get it done without passing the buck or coming back with excuses.

Napoleon Hill

Thoughts...

Greetings! I apologize for the delay in getting out a newsletter since the last one was issued in the fall. Unfortunately, many things happened at the end of the year that prevented me from putting out monthly issues. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to become active in producing this newsletter in 2012. I welcome your suggestions regarding how to make it better. More importantly, I look forward to any ideas you may have about topics you would like to see covered. I will keep this issue brief, with a focus on upcoming training opportunities. We did a great job obtaining training last year at minimal cost. It is my goal to continue that success this year.

REMINDERS

Everyone needs to complete SIDS training online. There will be a memo regarding this training put out shortly.

LOOK at the training calendar by clicking <http://wcsdweb2.co.wayne.in.us/training/>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Criminal Drug Interdiction	Indianapolis	January 23-25
Street Crimes Seminar	Westfield	February 27-29
Street Survival	Cincinnati	March 20-21
Patrol Officer Drug Investigations	Greenwood	February 16-17
Law Enforcement Intel	Lawrence	April 10-12
LEOs Killed and Assaulted	Lawrence	June 27

If you have questions regarding training listed or an interest in attending training not found here, contact Jason Moore. Be sure to fill out a [training request form](#) for review if you would like to attend any training held outside the WCSD. Email reminders will be sent out when issues of this publication are ready to be viewed on <http://wcsdweb2.co.wayne.in.us/training>

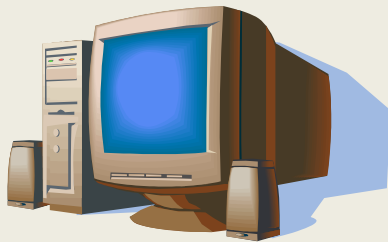
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LEGAL REVIEW...

Take a few minutes to read a legal update on searching rental cars [HERE](#).



TECH TIPS & TRICKS

(Courtesy of tech guru Alan Moore)

What's in a password?

To some of you, passwords are a hassle and largely viewed as unnecessary. However, choosing a good password is especially important, even if you do not view the information you are protecting as important. For instance, hackers often try to gain access to mail systems using the usernames and passwords of e-mail accounts. Once they get access using a username and password, they can corrupt the entire system, and get access to other systems that are connected to that system. So, while you may not think that having a good password is important, you need to realize that the security implications go beyond just your personal information, which you may not deem important.

With the upcoming Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) requirements, we will all be forced to choose better passwords. CJIS has a lot to say about passwords, but the following are some of the password requirements:

- Be a minimum length of eight (8) characters
- Not be a dictionary word or proper name.
- Not be the same as the User id.
- Expire within a maximum of 90 calendar days.
- Not be identical to the previous ten (10) passwords.

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Other systems have requirements that are more stringent - for instance, some systems require that passwords have at least three of the following:

- Upper case letters
- Lower case letters
- Numbers
- Symbols

Combine all the password requirements and you could have an especially frustrating scenario given the 90-day expiration and no duplication of passwords. In my opinion, this will just result in more people writing down their passwords. This is an especially bad idea, and the main reason for writing this article is to give you ideas for choosing a good password. However, "Password" is really an outdated name. "Passphrase" is more accurate these days. If you think in terms of a "Passphrase", choosing one becomes a lot easier. For instance:

"I have 2 girls!" satisfies all the password requirements. Some systems will let you just change one digit, so you could change just the number every 90 days - "I have 3 girls!" and so forth. I hope that this is not predictive of your family status - after a year or two you would regret it. Anyway, if the system required you to change more than one character, you would have to use different passphrases.

Another CJIS requirement is to have "dual authentication," using "what you have" and "what you know". The "what you know" portion is your password.

The "what you have" portion could be biometrics (fingerprint, retinal scan, etc.), a "smartcard" which is a device that allows you access to a computer and/or software on the computer only after it is inserted in the computer.

We are working on a solution for this, as it will be a requirement for MDTs.

I hope that this will help when some of the CJIS requirements take effect.